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Applicant : Robert B. Lowrance et al.  
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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UNLOADING  
SUBSTRATE CARRIERS FROM SUBSTRATE  
CARRIER TRANSPORT SYSTEM  
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Group Art Unit : 3652

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Commissioner for Patents  
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.17 (a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed, November 21, 2005 in which a three-month period for response expired on February 21, 2006. After granting the Request for a one-month extension of time, the response period will expire on March 21, 2006.

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